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MET DEATH WITHOUT A TREMOR

Holmes, the Multi-murderer,
Hanged Yesterday.

He Walked Calmly to the Scaffold, and
in the Few Words Spoken Before the
Drop Fell, His Voice Never Quavered.
His Former "Confessions" Denied on
the Gallows—His Farewell Grasp Firm.

PHILADELPHIA, May 7.—Herman W.
Mudgett, alias H. H. Holmes, was hanged
in Moyamensing prison at twelve and a
half minutes after ten o'clock this morn-
ing. That is the time the drop fell. It
was fully a half hour later before he was
officially pronounced dead.

A half minute before he was shot into
eternity he made this declaration to the
solemn assemblage gathered about the
scaffold:

"Gentlemen, I have very few words
to say. In fact I would make no re-
marks at this time except that by not
speaking I would appear to acquiesce in
my execution. I only wish to say that
the act of my wrong-doing in taking
human life consisted in the death of
two women, they having died at my
hands as the result of criminal opera-
tions. I wish also to state that I am not
guilty of taking the lives of any of the
Pietzel family—the three children and
Benjamin, the father—of whose death I
was convicted and am about to die for.
That is all I have to say."

It will be seen that the words were
well-chosen. They were equally well-
pronounced. The voice never quavered;
the hands, clasped on the dark railing of
the scaffold, did not tremble. The
nervous which all along characterized this
marvelous assassin had not deserted
him to the very end. As the last syllable
fell from his pallid lips he turned to
his attorney. Clasping the right hand
of the young lawyer, Holmes gave him a
firm grasp—firm even at that terrible
moment—he laid his left on the other
man's shoulder, and, gazing right into
his eyes, uttered in a loud voice, "Good-
bye."

Then he carefully buttoned his coat,
nodded to the sheriff, and in an instant
he shot to death. He was undoubtedly
the most cold in any in that assem-
blage of fifty odd men. The pallor of
his face was not deeper than the ordi-
nary prison bleach, and he stood erect,
gazing steadily before him, until the
horrible black cap shut out his last look
at earthly things.

He spent his last day of life unevent-
fully. During part of yesterday priests
visited him and said prayers. In the
afternoon his lawyer, Samuel P. Kotan,
called for a short time. The balance of
the day Holmes occupied reading his
Bible and other devotional books. The
only sign of defiance he made just after
the priests left. "Am I nervous?" he
demanded, stretching his hands out to
Keeper Weaver. They were as steady
as a rock. Holmes smiled and retired to
the rear of his cell. He declared that
he had never felt better in his life. Soon
after this the priests returned and
remained with him until the end.

At two minutes after ten o'clock the
procession to the gallows was begun,
headed by Prison Superintendent Per-
kins and Assistant Superintendent Rich-
ardson. Fifty or more men, with un-
covered heads made up the solemn pa-
rade and halted before the scaffold. The
instrument of death loomed high in the
center of the corridor on the first floor
of the convict side of the prison. The
platform which stood eight feet above
the level of the floor was approached by
a flight of stairs.

The witnesses passed around the
structure and faced it. An awful silence
fell for a moment, then a murmur of
sound arose from the other side of the
scaffold. It was the prayers of the

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priests, who were escorting Holmes to
the gallows. A moment later they
mounted the steps and came into view.
There was a pause after they had
reached the deadly trap, and then
Holmes stepped forward and pronounced
his valedictory. It took him exactly
two minutes to pronounce what nearly
every man there regarded as the last
of a series of lies. Father Daily is the
only man who knows whether or not the
man went into eternity with a lie on his
lips. For Holmes last night or to-day
made a final confession. But that is
buried in the secrets of the church.

After shaking hands with his lawyer,
who then left the scaffold, Holmes
turned and bade farewell to Superin-
tendents Perkins and Richardson and
the priests. Then he and the two
clergymen knelt in silent prayer. In
another half minute the time came;
Holmes' hands were manacled behind
him, the nose and the black cap were
adjusted, and the intense stillness was
broken by a sharp crack, that echoed
along the corridors like the crack of a
pistol. The body shot down and hung
without a tremor. As the cohort died
away, the voices of the priests only
arose. They were chanting the prayers
for those in the agonies of death. The
body was allowed to hang until 10:45
o'clock, then it was cut down and placed
in a coffin.

At half past twelve o'clock the big
iron doors in the rear of the prison
swung open, and an undertaker's wagon
rolled out. It had in it a plain black
casket containing the body. The wagon
drove rapidly to Mount Moriah Ceme-
tery, where the body was placed in a
vault. There will be no autopsy on the
body of Holmes, his last words being a
strict injunction to his attorney to that
effect.

After the body had been cut down it
was placed in a plain pine box, the bot-
tom and sides covered with cement.
This was done so the material will
harden about the corpse and practically
fasten it to the box, preventing any
attempts to steal the body. On the
breast of the corpse lies a small silver
cross bearing the words "H. W. Mud-
gett, died May 7, 1896."

Mrs. Carrie Pietzel, widow of the man
who Holmes murdered, was told of the
execution but was too nervous to be in-
terviewed, but expressed relief at the
knowledge of the news that Holmes was
dead.

FOR CHEAPER COAL.
Colonel Browning Here Arranging to Supply
Roanoke With His Output.

Col. Jos. S. Browning, of Pocahontas,
the proprietor of the Browning
mines, is in the city perfecting arrange-
ments to supply the city of Roanoke
with his coal. He will open up a coal
yard here for the purpose of handling
his output.

This arrangement will give coal to the
Roanoke people at a much lower price
than they have formerly paid, and in-
stead of the price being higher, as per
the suggestion of a few people directly
interested, it can be depended on that
the opposite condition will prevail.

Mr. Browning can easily arrange to
secure a daily output of twenty cars
from his mines, and since his withdrawal
from the Coal Producers' Association he
will be free to handle the products of his
mines himself.

It is more than probable that the
Browning coal will not be furnished to
local coal dealers' associations any-
where. In this way combinations can-
not be made on the prices and the coal
will be delivered here without passing
through the hands of two or three mid-
dlemen.

Mr. Browning has the facilities and
plenty of money at the back of the en-
terprise, and should he complete his ar-
rangements the people of this city who
have been groaning under the heavy
weight of monopoly and combinations,
should stand ready to build a monument
to perpetuate his memory.

It is understood that the coal from his
mines has been tested and found to be
the best coal for all general purposes
of any that comes from the Flat Top re-
gions. Mr. Browning will leave to-day
for Lynchburg to perfect similar ar-
rangements with Lynchburg parties and
will probably return to-morrow after-
noon.

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TENNESSEE DEMOCRATS.
They Will Probably Indorse Silver—The
Convention Very Excited.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 7.—The Demo-
cratic convention to select delegates to
the national convention was called to
order at noon to-day. Congressman
McMillin was elected chairman and he
said in his speech that the time had
come for the free, unlimited and, if
necessary, independent coinage of silver
at the ratio of 16 to 1.

Committees were then appointed, and
the convention then adjourned until
4 o'clock. On reassembling Judge
Shield, of Grainger county, was chosen
permanent chairman.

The committee on credentials not
being ready to report, speech-making
to a wild and disorderly convention fol-
lowed in the meantime until after 6
o'clock when a recess was taken.

Some of the speeches were very bit-
ter and abusive of President Cleveland.
Chairman Shields called the convention
to order at 8 o'clock. The report of the
committee on credentials was read. The
convention now awaits the report of the
platform committee. The basis of
representation cuts down the anti-free
silver vote to a small showing.

His Wife Pleading.
LONDON, May 7.—A Pretoria dispatch
to the Telegraph says: John Hays Ham-
mond's wife had a long and touching
interview with President Kruger to-
day, at which she pleaded the cause of
her husband. President Kruger prom-
ised to consider everything and he said
he hoped that the matter would be set-
tled by the end of the week.

A BOND INVESTIGATION ORDERED

The Resolution Passes the Sen-
ate by a Decisive Vote.

Only Six Senators Voted Against It and All
Were Democrats—The Investigation
Will be a Rigid and Searching One.
House Business Obstructed by Mr.
Pickler Because Pension Bills Were Not
Considered.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—By the de-
cisive vote of 51 to 6 the Senate to-day
inaugurated an investigation to be con-
ducted by the Senate committee on
finance into the facts and circumstances
connected with the sale of United States
bonds by the Secretary of the Treasury
during the last three years. The six
adverse votes were cast by Senators
Caffrey, of Louisiana; Faulkner, of
West Virginia; Gray, of Delaware;
Hill, of New York; Mitchell, of Wis-
consin, and Palmer, of Illinois, all Dem-
ocrats.

The resolution directing the investi-
gation is very explicit, as follows:
"Resolved, That the committee on
finance be directed to investigate and
report generally all the material facts
and circumstances connected with the
sale of United States bonds by the Sec-
retary of the Treasury in the years
1894, 1895 and 1896."

"Second, To investigate and report
especially with the amount of available
funds, classified in the United States
Treasury and on deposit and in other
places subject to the order of the Sec-
retary of the Treasury at the time the
bonds were sold or offered for sale,
whether there was or was not coin
enough on hand to meet all coin obli-
gations of the Government due at the time
said bonds were sold or when offered
for sale; what obligations were due at
that time and the amount of each,
stated; what was the reason for any un-
usual withdrawal of coin from the
Treasury shortly before the bonds were
sold or offered for sale; if such unusual
withdrawals were in fact made, and by
what persons or classes of persons and
for what purpose or on what account
such withdrawals were made; who pur-
chased the bonds, in what amounts and
where, whether in the United States or
in foreign countries, and in what pro-
portions and from what persons or
classes of persons the gold was pro-
cured to pay the bonds; what the bonds
sold for, and what was the market price
of our Government bonds at the time,
and what effect the bond sales had on
the credit and business of the people of
the United States."

"Third, To investigate and report as to
the manner of disposing of said bonds,
by what authority, and what contracts,
advertisements, or proposals were made
by the Secretary of the Treasury in re-
lation thereto; what agreements, or
whether publicly or privately, were en-
tered into by the Secretary of the Treas-
ury and any syndicate or person or per-
sons with respect to the sale and pur-
chase of the bonds, and the profits made
or to be made by such syndicate or any
person or persons connected with such
syndicate, directly or indirectly; whether
such contract or agreement had any and
what effect on the prices of the differ-
ent bonds, what the effect was and who,
if any person, profited by it and to what
extent."

The debate had been animated and at
times sensational, throughout the early
hours of the day. Mr. Palmer's opposi-
tion to the resolution and his refer-
ence to "snap conventions" brought on
a heated colloquy with Mr. Vest and
Mr. Cockrell.

"I oppose this resolution," said Mr.
Palmer, "because I regard it as an ille-
gitimate means of procuring material to
affect and inflame the public mind."
The Senator went on to say that he
did not suppose any Senator, except
possibly the Senator from South Dakota
(Pettigrew), questioned the integrity of
the Secretary of the Treasury. The
Secretary's judgment might be disputed;
the correctness of his acts might be
questioned, but there was no question
of integrity involved.

Mr. Palmer reviewed the platform
utterances of the parties. Citing the
old adage "the world do move," Mr.
Palmer said the country had moved
since the platform declaration of 1893
and it was evident that the financial
planks made at Minneapolis and Chicago
would not satisfy the country. In men-
tioning the return to the White House
in 1893 Mr. Palmer said the President
had called to his aid "that able states-
man, that pure and honest man, J. G.
Carlisle."

At another point Mr. Palmer referred
to the cowardice of candidates for the
Presidency and for Congress in not be-
ing specific on their financial views
and in this connection the Senator had
an article read from the desk arraign-
ing Governor McKinley for his "Janus-
faced" attitude on finance; and "yet,"
added Mr. Palmer, "all indications
point to the fact that the subject of that
criticism will be the Republican candi-
date for the Presidency."

A Senator across the aisle whispered
to Mr. Palmer the substance of the bul-
letins from the Indianapolis convention,
whereupon Mr. Palmer added: "In fact
I acknowledge that the opposition to
him has broken down." Mr. Palmer was
drawn into a hot colloquy with the two
Missouri Senators, Mr. Vest and Mr.
Cockrell. The former wanted to know
what Mr. Palmer meant by a reference
to "snap" conventions favoring silver.
"I mean," replied Mr. Palmer, "con-

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spiracy last year in Missouri and Illi-
nois."

"What was the 'snap' feature of this
convention?"

"An unnecessary convention is a
'snap' convention. These conventions
were called to commit the Democracy
in advance to the free silver dogma."
Mr. Cockrell argued sharply that the
Missouri convention was one of the
most representative gatherings ever
held. It was called by the Democracy
as being misrepresented and an attempt
made to commit it to gold.

Mr. Vest declared that the motion
was a response to the people. "The peo-
ple led and," added Mr. Vest, "the peo-
ple assemble conventions and any man who
tries to stop them will be crushed. Man-
hood and decency will not longer
permit us to stand here and be accused
of advocating 'unsound money' and op-
pose snap conventions."

At this point Mr. Vest branched off
into a sensational recital of personal
history, and closed with a declaration
as to his own position. "I am a dele-
gate to the national convention, chosen
by my people, and I serve notice now
that if that convention at Chicago is to
be made up of office-holders, to stifle
and prevent the expression of the peo-
ple, then it is no Democratic convention
to me. The Democratic party is the
party of honorable expression, not of
federal patronage."

Mr. Hill then took the floor and closed
his speech in opposition to the bond
resolution and the vote was then taken.

House Proceedings.
WASHINGTON, May 7.—The net result
of a three and a half hours session of
the House to-day was the passage of a
bill to amend the act creating the court
of appeals so as to allow appeals from
the supreme courts of territories to
treat appeals.

Mr. Pickler (Rep., S. D.) attempted
to have his revenge for the defeat last
night, when the House refused to re-
main in session to pass private pension
bill by blocking legislation to-day.
He made the point of no quorum at
every opportunity, and the House finally
losing patience, adjourned.

Mr. Pickler threatens to keep up his
tactics until he accomplishes his ob-
ject, which he says is to secure further
consideration for private pension bills.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE.
Chairman Carter Gives Notice of Meeting
and Order of Procedure.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Senator Carter,
chairman of the Republican national
committee, to-day gave out the follow-
ing:

"The members of the Republican
national committee are requested to
meet at the Southern Hotel, in the city
of St. Louis, on Wednesday, the 10th
of June, at 12 o'clock noon, for the
purpose of reporting the temporary roll
of membership and designating tem-
porary officers for the convention, and
for the transaction of such other busi-
ness as may require the action of the
committee. As there will be a number
of contested cases presented for con-
sideration, it is deemed advisable to
call special attention to the following
clause of the convention:

"All notices of contests must be
filed with the secretary of the national
convention in writing accompanied by
printed statements of contest, which
shall be made public. Preference in the
order of hearing and determining con-
tests will be given by the committee
in accordance with the dates of filing
such notices and statements with the
secretary."

"All persons desiring to put the mat-
ters for the consideration of the com-
mittee under the foregoing clause are
required to be prepared to put their
cases on assembling of the committee
on the date above designated. Prior to
June 1, communications should be ad-
dressed to the secretary, in care of the
Arlington Hotel, Washington, and there-
after in care of the Southern Hotel, St.
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NEW JERSEY DEMOCRATS.
They Declare For Gold and Warmly En-
dorse Cleveland.

TRENTON, N. J., May 7.—The Demo-
cratic convention met here to-day and
after a struggle elected delegates at
large to the national convention, as
follows: United States Senator James
Smith, Jr., of Essex county; ex-United
States Senator Rufus Blodgett, of Mon-
mouth; ex-State Chairman Allan L.
McDermott, of Hudson, and Judge
Alderson, of Gloucester.

The platform declared strongly for a
gold monetary standard and warmly
endorsed the administration of Presi-
dent Cleveland. The fact that Mr.
Cleveland has not expressed himself as
willing to accept the nomination seemed
to be the one thing that prevented an
effort to instruct the delegates for re-
nomination. No effort was made to in-
struct the delegates, but enthusiasm
was evoked by the chairman's mention
in his speech of the name of ex-Gov-
ernor Russell, of Massachusetts. The
sentiment among the delegates from
the southern portion of the State is
largely for ex-Governor Pattison, of
Pennsylvania.

Death of Major Glass.

LYNCHBURG, May 7.—Major Robert
H. Glass, associate editor of the Lynch-
burg News, and for fifty years promi-
nently connected with journalism in
Virginia, died at his home in this city
to-day, aged 73. He was postmaster of
this city for two years before the war
and also during the first year of the
Confederacy.

Delay in Distributing Seed.
WASHINGTON, May 7.—In the Senate
to-day Mr. Gallinger (Rep., N. H.) pre-
sented a resolution calling on the Sec-
retary of Agriculture to report imme-
diately the reason for the delay in
distributing seeds. It was agreed to
without comment or division.

THE LATE WASHINGTON TRAGEDY

Efforts to Find the Slayer of
Elsie Kreglo.

Two Men Arrested Yesterday on Suspi-
cion of Being Irwin R. Ford, the
Negro Now Accused of Murdering
the Girl—The Body Was Taken Yes-
terday Evening to Forestville, Md.,
for Interment.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Washington
authorities were notified to-day of the
arrest of two negroes, both suspected of
being Irwin R. Ford, the negro accused
of the murder of Elsie Kreglo, the 16-
year-old girl found brutally as-
saulted and murdered just beyond
the city limits Monday afternoon. The
most apparent interest was manifested
in the report of the arrest of the men.
The other arrest was at Baltimore,
where a suspected negro was taken
from a freight train as he was alighting
from it within the city limits. The de-
velopments of the forty-eight hours in
the case have resulted in centering the
investigation on Ford.

Railroad officials co-operated with the
detectives by sending descriptions along
the line over which Ford was thought
to have gone to Baltimore in his flight.
Plans were then made to send some one
from Burnt Mills who knows Ford over
to Baltimore to identify him. The
body of Elsie Kreglo, the murdered
girl, was taken to an undertaker's and
late this evening was taken to Forest-
ville, Md., for burial.

The police now believe they have the
man who murdered Elsie Kreglo here
last Monday afternoon. The negro ar-
rested to-day at Harper's Ferry and who
attempted to drown himself to avoid
apprehension was brought to this city at
a late hour to-night by the police of the
city. The train stopped before it
reached the station and the negro was
taken to one of the police stations in a
patrol wagon.

He is badly frightened and talks in an
incoherent manner and does not give
any satisfactory answers to the questions
put to him. The officer that went to
Harper's Ferry for the prisoner said the
feeling against the prisoner was very
great.

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INDIANA FOR MCKINLEY.
So the Republican Convention Decided
Yesterday at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 7.—The
Indiana Republican convention to-day
instructed its delegates for Major Mc-
Kinley, with scarcely a show of opposi-
tion, and the long impending battle be-
tween McKinley and Harrison forces
was ended peacefully. The platform
embodying the instructions was a viva
voice vote and without division, the
chairman's decision that the motion be
carried being received without a chal-
lenge. General Harrison did not make
his eagerly expected speech to the dele-
gates, and did not visit the convention.
The platform declares for "sound
money," favors the use of both gold and
silver at a parity, urges bimetallism on
an international basis, and condemns
the free and unlimited coinage of silver
at the ratio of 16 to 1.

The sudden collapse of the anti-
McKinley forces was a surprise alike to
friends and foes of the Ohioan. There
was little doubt when the convention
met that instructions would carry, but
a warm fight was expected, and a fight
in which General Harrison's name would
figure prominently was looked for.

The sudden wind up what had been
expected to be a sensational and bitter
fight was a marked feature of the day's
proceedings. What its significance and
what the significance of General
Harrison's failure to address the dele-
gates may be was a matter thoroughly
unknown to politicians. Some expressed
the opinion that the ex-President felt
that the instructions were a slap at him,
while others declared that he had merely
emphasized his previously expressed
desire to be considered out of the pre-
sent situation.

The following is the State ticket nomi-
nated: Governor, James A. Mount, a
farmer; lieutenant governor, W. L. Hag-
gard; secretary of State, W. D. Owen;
auditor of State, A. C. Dalley; treas-
urer, Fred J. Schultz; attorney general,
W. A. Ketchum; supreme court, Charles
F. Remy.

Only One American Aboard.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The State De-
partment has been authentically in-
formed that of the persons captured on
board the Competitor a number were
killed during the fight that ensued be-
tween the Spanish steam launch and
the schooner, and while many more are
supposed to have escaped only one of
the persons captured is an American and
he has refused thus far to give his name.

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ports show Royal Baking Powder superi-
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